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UMBRA SECTION SEVEN XXMMENP07-TB15069 3/04 R142-69 NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY  
 SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC III. LAOS MILITARY SITUATION NORTHERN LAOS  
 IN SAYABOURY PROVINCE, MR 1, ELEMENTS OF ONE PATHET LAO (PL)/NVA BATTALION WERE  
 LOCATED AT POINTS 12 KM NORTHWEST AND 20 KM SOUTHWEST OF BAN POUILLE (18-57N  
 101-48E, QA 9597) AND MAY ATTACK THE GOVERNMENT POST AT PHOU NA LE (18-42N  
 101-34E, QA 7169), ACCORDING TO A 13 JUNE RLA MESSAGE. IN XIENG KHOUANG  
 PROVINCE, MR 2, ON 13 JUNE A SKYRAIDER AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY COMMUNIST  
 ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE WHILE ON A BOMBING MISSION AGAINST A COMMUNIST TRUCK AND  
 TRACTOR CONVOY ON ROUTE 7 NEAR NONG HET (19-29N 103-59E, UG 9456). "THE PLACE  
 WITH THE PILOT CRASHED IN FLAMES" NEAR UG 700760 (19-41N 103-46E). THE CONVOY  
 WAS "COMPLETELY DESTROYED," ACCORDING TO AN RLA MESSAGE. ON 14 JUNE, THE  
 DEFENSE CABINET IN VIENTIANE INFORMED MR 1 AUTHORITIES THAT THE SOVIET AEROFLOT  
 HAD RECEIVED PERMISSION TO FLY THROUGH LAOTIAN AIRSPACE DURING A CALCUTTA TO  
 HANOI TRIP AND RETURN. THE FOLLOWING PRIMARY AND ALTERNATE AIRCRAFT NUMBERS AND  
 PILOTS PLUS ITINERARY WERE GIVEN (ALL AIRCRAFT ARE IL-18.S) PRIMARY AIRCRAFT,  
 MR. 74261, "KOUZNETSOV". BACKUP AIRCRAFT, NR. 74257, "SEDERA". NR. 74260,  
 "PREREDREEVOU". AND MR. 74262, "TOMILONE." ESTIMATED TIME OF DEPARTURE (ETD)  
 CALCUTTA IS 20 JUNE 0135Z VIA MR 1 AT 0429Z WITH AN ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL  
 (ETA) HANOI AT 0515Z. ON THE RETURN TRIP, ETD HANOI IS 21 JUNE 0100Z VIA MR 1  
 AT 0146Z. THE ENTRY AND EXIT POINTS ON THE WEST TO EAST TRIP ARE 20-44N 100-08E  
 AND 20-44N 104-29E AT AN ALTITUDE OF 7000-9000 METERS. THE RETURN TRIP WILL  
 FOLLOW THE SAME FLIGHT PLAN. IN COMMUNICATIONS OF 12 JUNE TO THE NVA 148TH  
 REGIMENT IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE, ITS PROBABLE SUBORDINATE 5TH BATTALION  
 REPORTED THAT THE "ENEMY" (RLA) HAD FIRED ARTILLERY INTO THE TAT HOUANG (19-23N  
 103-11E, UG 089450) AREA, APPROXIMATELY 5 KM NORTH OF PHOU THE NGENG (19-22N  
 103-11E, UG 105415), EARLIER THAT DAY. IT WAS ALSO DISCLOSED THAT THE UNIT WAS  
 OUT OF AN UNSPECIFIED COMMODITY AT BAN TON (19-23N 103-09E, UG 062430) AND THAT  
 REPORTING WOULD BE SLOW BECAUSE OF BATTALION'S INABILITY TO MAKE CONTACT ON THE  
 "71" (CHICOM 710 2-WATT VOICE/SHORT WAVE TRANSCEIVER). REFERENCE WAS ALSO MADE,  
 IN AN UNKNOWN CONTEXT, TO BAN SOA (19-22N 103-11E, UG 092432). RECENT RLA  
 COMMUNICATIONS REPORTED THAT AN "ENEMY" COMPANY WAS AT UG 078464 AND UG 081466  
 ON 5 JUNE. (2/ LSM/T680-69, 140012Z, T682-69, 140038Z, 2X/ LSM/T685-69,  
 150020Z, 2/GD/ LSM/T1158-69, 090942Z) (SECRET SPOKE) SOUTHERN LAOS THE PL 2D  
 INFANTRY BATTALION AND THE PL/NVA 7TH BATTALION HAVE MERGED TO FORM THE PL/NVA  
 17TH BATTALION, LOCATED 5 KM SOUTH OF BAN PHA KONG KO (18-05N 104-31E, VE 4999),  
 AND THE NVA 5TH BATTALION AND THE NVA 17TH BATTALION HAVE FORMED THE NVA 54TH

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BATTALION, LOCATED 5 KM SOUTH OF BAN HA PHO KHOK (16-37N 105-36E, WD 6538), ACCORDING TO A 13 JUNE RLA MESSAGE. ON THE SAME DAY, A 190-MAN PL/NVA FORCE WAS REPORTEDLY LOCATED 16 KM NORTHEAST OF SEHO (1-46, 16-40N 105-01E, WD 0243), AND ONE PL COMPANY WAS LOCATED 13 KM NORTH OF BAN HA CHAN (16-47N 105-13E, WD 2456). FURTHERMORE, THE RLA REPORT THAT THE PL/NVA 77TH BATTALION FROM DONG CHOUAN (16-13N 105-30E, WC 5493) IS ACTIVE IN THE PHOU LA KHONE KHO (16-05N 105-44E, WC 7978) SECTOR, WHILE A "300"-TON RICE DEPOT IS LOCATED AT WC 93595 (16-12N 105-52E). (2/1/LSM/679-69, 140006Z, 2/GD/LSM/T1169-69, 14-549Z, T1170-69, 14-549Z, T1171-69, 14-926Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ IV. CAMBODIA A. MILITARY SITUATION MILITARY REGION 1 VIET CONG (VC) FIRED ON PEAM MONTEA (10-57N 105-30E, WT 5511) POST IN PREY VENG MILITARY SUDDIVISION (MSD) ON 13 JUNE. CAMBODIAN FORCES RETURNED FIRE AND THE VC WITHDREW. ACCORDING TO A 12 JUNE MESSAGE, AN OPERATION TO "DRIVE BACK" VC IN PREY VENG MSD SUCCEEDED IN CLEARING VC FROM AN AREA BETWEEN KOH SKO (10-52N 105-19E, WT 3403) AND KOH SAMPEOU (10-53N 105-18E, WT 3493). IN EASTERN KOMPONG CHAM MSD, CAMBODIAN ELEMENTS REPORTEDLY BEGAN AN ANTI-REBEL OPERATION IN VILLAGES NORTH OF KREK (11-56N 105-56E, XU 0201). ONE OF THESE VILLAGES, SRE VENG XU 080165 (11-55N 105-59E), WAS THE SCENE OF REBEL RICE COLLECTING AND PROPAGANDA ACTIVITY ON 9 JUNE. ALSO IN KOMPONG CHAM MSD, A U.S./ARVN HELICOPTER ALLEGEDLY FLEW OVER PAPLAM--XT 425901 (11-40N 106-16E)--ON 12 JUNE AND FIRED ROCKETS, WOUNDING TWO VILLAGERS. A SHEEP OPERATION AGAINST "PIRATES AND THEIR ACCOMPLICES" WAS TO BE LAUNCHED ON 14 JUNE IN SOUTHERN KANDAL MSD IN THE AREA SURROUNDING WT 120200 (11-03N 105-06E). A 12 JUNE MESSAGE HAD DISCLOSED THAT BORDER PATROLS AND BLOCKING OPERATIONS WERE UNDERWAY IN THE AREA OF CHHEU KHMAU (10-58N 105-04E, WT 1011) AGAINST "OXEN PIRATES FROM SOUTH VIETNAM." XXHH 900 NHHN

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